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SUBJECT: ODC SLOVENIA SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT,
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¶1. SUMMARY. EUCOM provided three options on ACSA and we have contacted the Slovenes for their preference on how to proceed. The Combined Training and Education Plan was submitted to EUCOM; highlights are below. New FMF cases to purchase spares for Slovenia's HMMWVs were signed this month; these cases are very important.

¶2. KEY ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

¶A. FMF

1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (S3-D-TAC, \$650,194)

- There are 36 Slovenian students in elementary English classes, 48 in intermediate classes, and 13 in an advanced class, all of which continue until June.
- Terry Jenkins, who was here to teach for 90 days, departed on 25 Mar.
- The Coordinator of the Language School has been an American since the language center opened but the Slovenes will take over the position this year. The current coordinator will depart before September.

2) HMMWV Spares. (S3-B-KZP, S3-B-KRA, S3-B-BAC, total \$192,810) We received three LOAs to establish cases to purchase spares for Slovenia's 30 HMMWVs. The Slovenes signed all three on 29 Mar. Two LOAs make up the CLSSA case and one LOA is a blanket order case for buying non-standard parts.

3) DRILL INSTRUCTOR (S3-B-OAB, \$153,522)

The drill instructor who was at Vipava Training Center observing Slovenia's basic training briefed his recommendations to the Slovenes on 29 Mar. He departed on 2 April. The Slovenes commented that Sgt Lyons did an outstanding job and will forward the ODC a letter of appreciation to send to his supervisor. ODC Chief and members of the General Staff will meet with the Commander of the Vipava Training Center in April to discuss the way ahead.

4) BELL 412 RADIO and IFF (S3-B-UAJ/UAK)

Installation of the radios (UAJ) is proceeding but was delayed which could cause a delay in the IFF installation (UAK). The SAF has decided to bring the helicopters to the subcontractor's facility in Prague to keep from slipping UAK's schedule.

5) BLANKET TRAINING CASE (S3-B-OAC) The first group (4 students) of the four planned in total, departed for Grafenwoehr to attend the Primary Leadership Course at 7th Army NCO Academy from 6 April to 6 May 2005. A group of four junior NCOs will attend the Primary Leadership Course in May. One student from the April group will stay as an assistant instructor.

¶B. DCS/CONTRACTOR

GPS. The Slovenes asked for an official explanation of the US approval process to obtain P-codes. ODC sent a message to EUCOM requesting an explanation of the process and received an email response from the J6 action officer but no official response yet.

¶D. IMET

1) The ODC received a request for FY06 training for the Slovene Armed Forces. The Training Manager has been working with the MILDEPs to develop the FY06 STL.

2) The Combined Training and Education Plan (CTEP) was submitted to HQ. The main highlights follow:

- Due to the American Service Protection Act (ASPA) sanctions, Slovenia started executing FY 04 IMET program only in February 2004. Nevertheless this was one of the most successful years as we sent the largest number of students to CONUS training so far (57) and fully utilized the \$950,000 approved by Congress.

- Slovenia's emphasis on senior PME courses has remained unchanged. It has continued to request and subsequently fill slots at all the senior PME courses (Command and General Staff College, Army SGT Major Academy, Air Command and Staff College).

- Slovenia has also continually requested slots at the intelligence, infantry, chemical and military police basic and advanced officer courses.

- The demand for NCO courses has in the last few years increased drastically with the major emphasis on the infantry unit/squad leader and senior NCO courses offered by the US Marine corps.

- IMET training has focused primarily on the 10th Motorized Battalion, which has to be prepared for full spectrum operations within the NATO by 2007.

- IMET also responded to the immediate training needs of the SAF, when asked to provide training for medics getting ready to participate in ISAF in Afghanistan. Similarly, the IMET provided training for two veterinarians deploying to Afghanistan.

- A significant success in FY05 was a MET "The Recruitment Process in Professional NATO Armed Forces," hosted by the CCMR (14 - 16 December 2004). The workshop proved essential to Slovene recruiting officials in light of the recent professionalization. The ODC is coordinating a follow-on event in Sep 05.

- E-IMET has provided training to mid-to-senior level civilian and military personnel with a focus on defense resource management and civil-military relations.

- FMF training case has funded Human Intelligence training for 8 NCOs from the Special Forces Detachment and the Military Police Battalion. The same case is funding 16 corporals to attend the Primary Leadership Course - this is first time ever that the ODC Slovenia is reaching out to junior NCOs to provide training which teaches how to lead, train and prepare them for the duties and responsibilities of a sergeant.

- Slovenia has continued to improve its English language-training program requiring less assistance in this field. It was certified by NATO in Sep 01 as a Pfp language center and is now training military students from other partner nations in the "intensive course."

- Future objectives: Slovenia became a full NATO member in 2004. In the following years the Slovene Armed Forces will continue reorganization, integration into NATO and professionalization, which will ensure an effective performance of all tasks of national and collective defense within the NATO. IMET will continue serving as a backbone of these efforts with its main focus on the units, which should be ready for full spectrum operations within NATO. IMET training in FY06 will focus on: (1) Senior PME (NDU, AWC, CGSC, ACSC); (2) Officer PME (logistics, infantry, intelligence, chemical, MP, AD, signal, SOS); (3) NCO leadership and development courses (Infantry Squad Leader, Infantry Unit Leader SNCO course); (4) Basic and Advanced NCO training in specialized areas (supply, MP, chemical, medical, airborne, MP); (5) E-IMET courses in the area of defense management, acquisition and procurement

3) Ten students were processed for training in CONUS. The majority were NCOs sent to leadership and technical training. April promises to be another busy month, as eight students are getting ready to depart for the US.

4) Two ECL tests were administered to 14 students in March, all candidates for various IMET courses.

E. COUNTERTERRORISM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (CTFP). Slovenia was allocated \$75,000 in CTFP for FY06. The Training manager is developing the STL.

F. MARSHALL CENTER. Mr. Sandi Curin, a Slovene national coordinator for trafficking in human beings and Ms. Irena Cufar, ODC Training Coordinator, attended "Human Trafficking: Analyses and Responses," held in Garmisch, Germany, 7-9 March 2005.

G. MIL-TO-MIL/BILATERAL AFFAIRS

1) Members of the 17th BVP (Military Police Battalion) completed an event with the Colorado Army National

Guard's 220th MP Company (28 Feb - 2 Mar). A face to face after action review was conducted by the BAO with members of the 17th BVP that traveled to Denver and the battalion commander. The battalion commander indicated that the event exceeded his expectations based on the information that the participants brought back.

2) The Colorado National Guard Adjutant General, MG Whitney, visited Slovenia from 16 - 19 March. The event was very successful in accomplishing the goals of meeting new government officials within the ministry of defense, the new ambassador, and hearing the new Slovene Defense Reforms that are underway. There was also some discussion with the General Staff regarding the partnership between Colorado and Jordan. The BAO briefed the General Staff on the current Mil-to-Mil program and indicated that the focus is now on quality rather than quantity.

3) The Small Unit Event (SUE) Final Planning Conference has been rescheduled for 7-9 June in order to conduct the FPC nearer to the actual event execution. The SUE Letter of Intent is still being reviewed by the Slovene Ministry of Defense with a target date of 8 April for approval.

4) LTC Poljsak is attending the Berlin Staff Ride 6 - 11 April which is being hosted by EUCOM.

5) A TCT is scheduled to be conducted 4 - 6 May in Slovenia; however, USAREUR unit has not been identified to be able to conduct this event. National Guard units are now being searched. A unit must be identified soon or we risk having to postpone this event.

6) Todd Lavigne and CPT Llewellyn Hayes will be in Slovenia to conduct a FY 2006 planning meeting on 17 - 18 May.

7) The BAO has been invited to present a briefing on the U.S. Reserve Forces to a group conducting STANAG training in Ljubljana. This will be conducted sometime during April or May.

8) The BAO has been invited to attend a recruiting event on 12 April in Murska Sobota for Slovenes that are attending a selective service briefing regarding their responsibilities to register for military service.

13. PERSONNEL/RESOURCES/LOGISTICS

1A. PERSONNEL:

1) PERSPECTIVE GAINS: None

2) PERSPECTIVE LOSSES: None

3) ATTACHED PERSONNEL:

- Mary Jo Villalobos, Language Center Coordinator
- Kristin Pedroja, Test Developer, one-year contract
- Kathy Lance, English Teacher, one-year contract
- John Stephens, English Teacher, one-year contract
- Helen Prevost, English Teacher, one-year contract

4) ODC CHIEF APPROVED TDY/LEAVE: None

5) RATING SCHEME CHANGES: None

6) EXTENSIONS/CURTAILMENTS: None

1B. RESOURCES. Vehicles and ADP equipment are 100% operational.

1C. LOGISTICS.

1) The BAO van had external bodywork to repair several minor scrapes that occurred in previous years. The repairs brought the vehicle back into a respectable condition.

2) The BAO office is waiting for approval to proctor the EUCOM Driver's exam for individuals that need to drive the BAO vehicle. Apparently there has been a hold up at USAREUR. This affects our BAO Driver since he has not been given this test.

14. WAY AHEAD (upcoming events next 60 days)

- 25 Apr - 6 May: ODC Chief LV

- 27 Apr: SLO Holiday

- 2 May: SLO Holiday
- 4 - 6 May: TCT NBC Operations

15. CHIEF COMMENTS:

- ACSA. The MOD, with Ministry of Foreign Affairs input, provided ODC with the new wording for the Slovene translation of the ACSA (the English version remains the same). EUCOM has proposed three options to get the document signed, which were forwarded to the Slovenes. We are waiting for the Slovenes to review the options and respond with how they want to proceed.

- The ODC and Slovene military want to thank the US Army for their exceptionally fast processing of the new FMF cases to buy spares for Slovenia's HMMWVs. It is

important to Slovenia to keep the vehicles mission capable and presents a better image of US equipment.

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